Minnie McDaniel
1869 - 1944

Minnie McDaniel, daughter of John McDaniel and Mary Elizabeth Newman McDaniel, was born November 29, 1869, in Pike County, Mississippi. She was reared on the family farm near Terrys Creek.

On Jan. 1, 1890 (Pike County Courthouse Record), Minnie McDaniel married Meshach L. Speed, who was born July 21, 1863, in Covington County, Mississippi. A record of this marriage is in the Pike County courthouse in Magnolia, Mississippi. John Warren "Bud" McDaniel was given credit for introducing the couple.

Meshach Speed was a widower with a young son, John Frazier Speed, born January 16, 1886. His first wife, Lonna Ford Speed, died of tuberculosis. Years later, Frazier and three of the children by his second marriage died with TB.

Meshach and Minnie Speed had nine children. Below is a list with their names and dates of births.

1. Luther Monroe Speed - October 11, 1890
2. Charlie Conway Speed - August 22, 1892
3. Joseph Buren Speed - December 13, 1895
4. William Warren Speed - March 18, 1898
5. Sybil Estelle Speed - July 10, 1900
6. Infant daughter - born/died July 19, 1902
7. Clarence Agustus Speed - March 9, 1903
8. Meshach L. Speed, Jr. - September 14, 1905
9. Sarah Elizabeth Speed - July 17, 1907

Minnie Speed described her husband as a gentleman and said he never used vulgar language or profanity around her or the children. He tended to the outside work and she tended to the housework.

Meshach Speed died May 14, 1907, of blood poisoning from an injury received when a log rolled over his foot while he was employed by Brooks Scanlon Lumber Company in Kentwood, Louisiana. At the time of his death, Shach had

almost completed a new home for his family in Chatawa, Mississippi. After his death, Minnie and their children moved into it.

The following years were difficult for the Minnie Speed family. The oldest child was sixteen and the youngest was born after the death of her father. The older children did odd jobs and helps Minnie support the family.

Later some of their children died, leaving young children. Minnie Speed took them into her home and reared them. Her grandchildren use adjectives such as happy, loving, and generous to describe her.

Minnie McDaniel Speed died December 6, 1944. She is buried by Meshach Speed in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery near Terrys Creek, Pike County, Miss.

9 children

I. Luther Monroe Speed, son of Meshach L. Speed and Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born Oct. 11, 1890, in Pike County, Miss. Luther, a US Army veteran of World War I, saw action in France. On May 8, 1920, he married Lillie Estelle Rhodus, who was born August 30, 1899. They owned and operated a dairy farm near Chatawa in Pike County. Luther Speed died July 23, 1949, of a heart attack. He was a member of the Rising Glory Masonic Lodge in Osyka and the Terrys Creek Baptist Church. When he died, Lillie still had six school-age children at home. Later she reared her grandson, John Carl Speed. The following is part of an article copied from a local newspaper when she was selected Pike County Mother of Year in 1960.

Nestled under a clump of oaks in the Chatawa area is a small modern home owned by Mrs. L. M. Speed and therein lies a story.

Mrs. Speed, the proud mother of 14 children and grandmother of 29, is the operator of a small dairy farm with the help of her bachelor son, John.

Mrs. Speed has operated the farm and reared seven children since the death of her husband in 1949. The family began dairying in 1942. At the present time the 180 acre dairy farm, under the management of John, is being operated with 30 head of cows.

Since she began operating the dairy in 1949 three of Mrs. Speed's sons have acquired college degrees and one of them completed his Master's degree.

The farm is neat and orderly and the house is attractive--an example of what hard work and determination can do when a person puts his mind to it. Luckily when the family began dairying in 1942, they constructed a dairy barn that is still

being used today, although, John says he is considering erecting a new one in the future.

John and his mother try to raise as much of their feed as possible for the operation for the operation of the dairy and seemingly are very apt at managing the business. You have to be to raise 14 children.

Lillie Rhodus Speed died May 6, 1980, and is buried by the side of Luther Speed in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss.

15 children

A. Minnie Mae Speed, twin daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born June 13, 1921, in Pike County, Miss. On Jan. 1, 1942 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Pete H. Freeman, who was born Sept. 5, 1919, in McComb, Miss. When Pete was born, his parent gave him the initials, P. H., as a name, but when he joined the US Army, he was told he had to have a given name. That is when he became Pete H. Freeman. After serving during World War II, he decided to make the Army his career. During the following years, the family lived in the Panama Canal Zone, Germany and various parts of the United States. He retired as a staff sergeant in 1964, worked with Civil service at Brookley Air Force Base, Mobile, Ala., and was transferred to Kelly Air Force Base, San Antonio, Tex. Pete Freeman died March 13, 1989, and is buried in Hollywood Cemetery in McComb, Miss. Minnie Mae lives in San Antonio, Texas.

4 children

1. Barbara Jean Freeman was born March 7, 1943, in McComb, Miss. On June 8, 1963, in Enterprise, Ala., she married John Anthony Durkay, who was born May 28, 1940, in Lilly, Pa. John retired as a sergeant from the US Army, was employed by the Army Security Agency in Germany, and is presently doing similar type of work in San Angelo, Texas.

   3 children

   a. Mark David Durkay was born August 13, 1964, in Berlin, Germany.

   b. Jeffrey Carl Durkay was born October 6, 1966, in Mobile, Alabama. On August 17, 1985, he married Mary Montemayor, who was born March 15, 1967.

      2 children

      (1) Christine Nicole Durkay was born February 21, 1986.
      (2) John Anthony Durkay was born May 12, 1996, died May 22, 1996.

   c. Brian Anthony Durkay was born March 28, 1968.

2. Luther Michael "Mike" Freeman was born Jan. 6, 1947, in McComb, Miss. On Feb. 14, 1969, he married Nancy Ellen Armstrong, who was born Jan. 20, 1948. Mike, a graduate of MSU, Starkville, has a Ph.D in aerospace engineering, teaches at the Univ. of Ala., serves as UA College of Engineering's liaison with NASA, and is a consultant with private companies. Nancy, a math. teacher at the Univ. of Ala., is a graduate of MSU, Starkville, with an MS degree. They live in Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

   1 child

   a. Jessica Elaine Freeman was born June 2, 1981.

3. Jerry Hilton Freeman was born November 18, 1948, in McComb, Miss. On April 26, 1969, he married Susanna "Sue" Lee Schleis, who was born Nov. 26, 1947, in Barberton, Ohio. Jerry received an associate degree from the University of Akron and is employed at the research center with Firestone Rubber Co. in Akron, Ohio. He is a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Sue served in the WAC from 1967-1969 and has attended the University of Akron.

   3 children

   a. Thomas Anthony Freeman was born March 25, 1970, in Barberton, Ohio. On October 10, 1992, he married Pauline Ruth Dardenne, who was born Feb. 15, 1955. He attended the National Institute of Technology.

   b. Kevin James Freeman, a twin, was born Aug. 6, 1973, in Barberton, Ohio. When he was seven years old, he received a spinal injury in a wreck involving several vehicles. The following was copied from an article written by Tara Vollman and printed in an Akron, Ohio, newspaper.

Kevin Freeman
rates a spotlight

Kevin Freeman is a senior at my high school, St. Vincent-St. Mary in Akron. I have known him for eight years and believe he is the most outstanding person I have ever met.

Eleven years ago, Kevin was in a terrible automobile accident (in Akron). This accident paralyzed him and he has been confined to a wheelchair.

That is until recently. Kevin, 18, has been learning to walk (using braces and crutches). It is a very slow and painful process, but his strength has brought him far. I believe that someday he will be able to walk.

Even with his busy schedule and physical therapy, Kevin dedicates himself to helping others. He has volunteered at the children's hospital in Akron and at a summer camp for handicapped children.

"Kevin is a warm and caring person who is always very kind and sincere. Every school needs a person like Kevin!" commented one classmate.

Kevin received a standing ovation when he walked across the stage to receive his diploma in 1991. He attended Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio.

c. Daniel Paul Freeman, a twin, was born Aug. 6, 1973, in Barberton, Ohio. On June 10, 1995, he married Amy Mae Sackett, who was born April 25, 1973. Dan, a graduate of the University of Akron, is employed as a teacher and coach.

1 child

(1) Caleb Daniel Freeman was born Feb. 4, 1998, in Akron, Ohio.

4. Robert Preston Freeman was born Sept. 26, 1952, in Ft. Clayton, Panama Canal Zone. He lives in San Antonio, Texas.

B. Luther William Speed, twin son of Luther M. Speed & Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born June 13, 1921, in Pike County, Miss., died March 5, 1922, of pneumonia, and is buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery, Pike County, Miss.

C. Myrtle Estelle Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born July 16, 1922, in McComb, Miss. On April 23, 1941 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married James Stephen Buitt, who was born Jan. 16, 1921. (Divorced) Myrtle was employed by Civil Service in Mobile and then transferred to the Internal Revenue Department, Austin, Tex. After she retired, she moved to Andalusia, Ala. Jim died May 29, 1992, and is buried in San Antonio, Texas.

5 children

1. Janice Elizabeth Buitt was born November 18, 1942, in New Orleans, La. On July 29, 1963, she married John Charles Hudson, who was born Jan. 15, 1943. (Divorced) Janice received an associate degree when she graduated Summa Cum Laude from Blue Ridge Community College in Virginia. Since then she returned to college and received a BS degree. Janice lives in Waynesboro, Va.

3 children

a. Jennifer Christine Hudson, adopted, was born Dec. 30, 1968. On October 15, 1988, she married William Scott Wine. They own and operate a farm near Waynesboro, Virginia.

2 children

(1) Elizabeth Wine was born August of 1993.
(2) Ashley Wine was born in 1996.

b. Stephanie Janeen Hudson was born Jan. 30, 1971. On May 9, 1997, in Charlottesville, Va., she married Richard Alexander Hart. Stephanie graduated from Univ. of Va. Medical School, Charlottesville, and is doing her residency in pediatrics at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, California.

c. John Scott Hudson was born August 24, 1977.

2. Donna Janeen Buitt was born July 13, 1946. On August 5, 1961, she married Halbert Nesbitt, who was born in 1941. (Divorced)

1 child

On Nov. 16, 1963, she married James Clifford Carpenter, who was born Feb. 15, 1945. (Divorced)

2 children

On July 25, 1981, she married Robert Felch, who was born May 21, 1955. He is a river boat captain. They live in Cottonwood, Alabama.

a. Michael James Carpenter, son by Janeen's first marriage adopted by her second husband, was born March 15, 1962. On Jan. 11, 1988, he married Robbie Lynn McCord, who was born in 1968.

1 child

(1) Michael James Carpenter, Jr., was born Sept. 15, 1988.

b. Darryl Joseph Carpenter was born July 1, 1966. On Dec. 16, 1989, he married Brooke Lee Chadek, who was born May 23, 1969, in Dothan, Ala.

2 children

(1) Cassidy Brooke Carpenter was born May 15, 1991.
(2) Taylor Joseph Carpenter was born April 10, 1996.

c. Donnie Wesley Carpenter was born May 20, 1968. On Sept. 22, 1990, he married Lenora Guilford, who was born Nov. 13, 1968.

2 children

(1) Kristen Macy Carpenter was born Sept. 16, 1991.
(2) Katlyn MacKenzie Carpenter was born Aug. 15, 1992.

3. Judith "Judy" DeLatha Buitt was born June 21, 1948, on Blakely Island, Ala. On July 27, 1967, she married William "Billy" Edward Bryant, who was born June 19, 1947. Judy, a kindergarten teacher, is a graduate of Troy State Univ., Ala., and received a masters degree from Auburn Univ. Billy, a graduate of Auburn Univ., is a self-employed property appraiser. They live in Andalusia, Ala.

2 children

a. William David Bryant was born Feb. 6, 1968. On July 13, 1991, he married Jill Elizabeth Roach, who was born Dec. 4, 1969. David, a graduate of Auburn Univ., is employed as a property appraiser. Jill, an elementary school teacher, is a graduate of Auburn University.

1 child

(1) Jonathan Banks Bryant was born Feb. 4, 1997.

b. Daniel "Danny" Richardson Bryant was born Feb. 28, 1974. Danny, a graduate of Auburn Univ., has a masters degree in aerospace engineering.

4. James Stephen Buitt was born February 25, 1951, in Mobile, Alabama. On July 29, 1972, he married Tina Jo Raley, who was born Feb. 4, 1951. (Divorced)

2 children

On June 19, 1993, he married Mary Lou Fletcher, who was born Feb. 11, 1956, in Denver, Colorado. Steve is employed as a dry waller; Mary is a police dispatcher. They live in Elizabeth, Colorado.

a. Edie Janeen Buitt was born June 14, 1975. She married Matthew Enos. (Divorced)

1 child

(1) Christopher James Enos was born March 8, 1995, in Denver, Colorado.

b. James Stephen Buitt was born March 2. 1978.

5. David Jerome Buitt was born Jan. 22, 1952, in Mobile, Ala. He lives in Andalusia, Ala.

D. Clarence Eddie Speed, Sr., twin son of Luther M. Speed & Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Chatawa, Miss. On Feb. 3, 1951 (Tangipahoa Parish, La., Courthouse Record), he married Anna Marie Phillips, who was born July 8, 1930, in New Orleans, La. Anna, a graduate of SLU, is a retired St. Helena Parish teacher with 30 years experience. Clarence, a US Army veteran of World War II, was wounded during the Battle of the Bulge, Belgium, and awarded the Purple Heart. He received a BS degree from SLU and MS degree from LSU. He is a retired educator, having served as teacher, principal, Title I director and superintendent of St. Helena Parish School System. He also served 4 years as a member of the Greensburg town council and 16 years as mayor of Greensburg. They live in Greensburg, La.

2 children

1. Clifton Thomas Speed was born Dec. 14, 1952, in Jacksonville, Florida. On April 12, 1986, he married Donna Marie Casey, who was born September 13, 1954, in New Orleans, La. Clifton, a graduate of SLU and LSU Law School, is an attorney in Greensburg, La., municipal attorney for Roseland, Greensburg, and Montepelier, and has served as assistant district attorney for the 21st. Judicial District since 1987. He is a member and past master St. Helena Masonic Lodge #96. Donna is a realtor employed by Latter & Blum Inc. in Hammond, La.

   2 children

   a. Clifton Thomas Speed, Jr., was born October 26, 1987, in Metairie, La.

   b. Dianne Marie Speed was born August 9, 1989, in Metairie, La.

2. Clarence Eddie Speed, Jr., was born Oct. 30, 1955, in Magnolia, Miss. On Dec. 15, 1978 (Tangipahoa Parish Courthouse Record), he married Laurie Nell Gill, was was born Sept. 6, 1957, in Magnolia, Miss. They live in Galvez, La. Laurie, a graduate of SLU and SMCC School of Nursing, is an RN employed as Ascension Parish health nurse with the St. Amant Health Unit. Eddie, secretary/treasurer for the Ascension Parish government, attended SMCC for 2 years on a football scholarship and is a graduate of SLU with a BS degree in accounting.

   2 children

   a. Brenna Lauren Speed was born January 30, 1984, in McComb, Miss.
   b. Derrick Blake Speed was born March 8, 1986, in McComb, Miss.

E. Clifton Freddie Speed, twin son of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Dec. 26, 1923, in Chatawa, Miss. He died Feb. 19, 1942, from injuries received in a school bus-truck accident and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss. Below is part of the article pertaining to the accident from the February 20, 1942, ENTERPRISE, a Jackson, Miss., newspaper.

TWO KILLED IN SCHOOL BUS-TRUCK CRASH

Two Pike Countians were killed, at least five seriously injured and others were painfully hurt in the crash of an Osyka High school bus and a freight truck Thursday night on Highway 51 about a mile north of Magnolia.

J. T. Cleveland, Brookhaven Negro, driver of the truck is being held in the county jail at Magnolia, to be charged with

manslaughter, drunken driving, and running off from the scene of the accident, according to Deputy Sheriff H. G. Cutrer.

The dead are:
Mrs. Curtis Raborn, age 31, driver of the school bus
Clifton Speed, age 17, Osyka High School student

Reported seriously injured are:
Miss Mildred Starkey, Osyka teacher, Internal injuries, crushed left leg.
James Harrell, student, severe lacerations and bruises.

The school bus with 26 occupants was returning to Osyka from Fernwood about 9:30 p.m. after they had attended a basketball tournament at the Fernwood school gymnasium. Riding on the bus were members of the Osyka High school basketball team, teachers, and other team supporters.

Reported most seriously injured was Miss Starkey, of Hammond, La., who teaches biology and history I the Osyka High school.

Deputy Sheriff Hendrix said that the truck sideswiped the school bus and that the bus was practically demolished. The truck which was heading north, was damaged considerably.

(Clifton's twin brother, Clarence, spent three weeks in the hospital recovering from back and hip injuries he received in the accident.)

F. Mary Ruth Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Dec. 1, 1926, in Chatawa, Miss. On Dec. 10, 1949, in Chicago, Ill., she married John "Jack" Chandler Hayes, who was born October 28, 1923, in Oatisfield, Maine. Jack, a research chemist for Universal Oil Co. and a US Navy veteran of World War II, was a graduate of Wheaton College, Wheaton, Ill., with a degree in chemistry, and Northwestern Univ., Evanston, Ill., with a MS degree. He died Dec. 10, 1993; Mary Ruth died March 17, 1999. They were residents of Palatine, Ill.

3 children

1. James Chandler Hayes was born September 28, 1950, in Chicago, Ill. On Sept. 16, 1991, in Reno, Nevada, he married Natalie Dickson, who was born Sept. 14, 1964. They live near Dallas, Texas. Jimmy, a 1972 graduate of Southern Methodist Univ., Dallas, Tex., is a CPA.

2. Deborah Jo Hayes was born May 20, 1954, in Chicago, Ill. On May 27, 1979, she married Kerry Dean Johnson, who was born April 13, 1955. They live in Villa Park, Ill. Debbie, a 1976 graduate of Southern Ill. Univ., with a degree in food & nutrients, is a dietitian; Kerry, an air-line pilot, is a graduate of Southern Ill. University.

3 children

a. Kimberly Diane Johnson was born March 1, 1983, in Downers Grove, Ill.

b. Michael Christopher Johnson was born Aug. 30, 1986, in Downers Grove, Ill.

c. Kristen Michelle Johnson was born May 27, 1988, in Downers Grove, Ill.

3. Douglas Michael Hayes was born February 20, 1957, in Evanston, Ill. On Aug. 2, 1980, in Rolling Meadows, Ill., he married Donna Ruth Yeiser, who was born Aug. 17, 1961, in Park Ridge, Ill. Doug, a 1980 graduate of the Univ. of Ill., with a degree in mechanical engineering, is employed by Mack Pump & Equipment Co., Inc.

3 children

a. Jessica Linn Hayes was born July 30, 1981, in Urbana, Ill.

b. Joshua Michael Hayes was born March 22, 1983, in Cumberland, Md.

c. Kaitlyn Suzanne Hayes was born Oct. 2, 1984, in Cumberland, Md.

G. John Monroe Speed, son of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Jan. 29, 1928, in Chatawa, Miss. He attended SMCC, Summit, is a retired office manager for the Pike County Fifth District supervisor and is a member and past master of Rising Glory Masonic Lodge in Osyka, Miss. John is the present owner of the property originally owned by Luther and Lillie Speed.

H. George Ray Speed, son of Luther M. Speed & Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Apr. 22, 1929, in Chatawa, Miss. On Sept. 13, 1963, he married Anita "Ina" Marie Daigle, who was born Jan. 30, 1936. (Divorced) George died May 14, 1992, of cancer, and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss. He was a graduate of SMCC and attended SLU, Hammond, La.

1 child

1. George Ray "Bodie" Speed was born August 12, 1964, in Magnolia, Miss., died December 15, 1980, at age 16, from injuries received in a one vehicle accident, and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss. He was a junior at South Pike High School, Magnolia, and a well-liked member of the football team.

I. Velma Virginia Pastoria Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Sept. 13, 1930, in Chatawa, Miss. Virginia was named for her aunt, Velma Rhodus Antonatis, and two ships, the one that took Luther Speed to France and the one that brought him back to the USA during World War I. On Oct. 29, 1949, in Chicago, Ill., she married Keith Paugh. He was a US Army veteran of the Vietnam War. (Divorced)

1 child

On Dec. 17, 1956, she married Harold Wayne Reynolds, who was born May 5, 1935, died May 26, 1974, and is buried in Haleyville, Ala. Virginia, a retired secretary for the town of Greensburg, died April 27, 1998, and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss.

2 children

1. John Paul "Jack" Speed, name legally changed in 1980 from Paugh to Speed, was born June 24, 1953, in Great Lakes, Ill. Jack was reared in Chatawa by his grandmother, Lillie Speed, and uncle, John Speed. On June 7, 1980 (Pike County Courthouse Record), he married Donna Ruth Ott, who was born April 10, 1955. Jack, a mud engineer, attended SMCC, Summit, Miss., and SLU, Hammond, La. He served in the US Air Force from 1973-1975. Donna, a graduate of USM, Hattiesburg, with a BS degree in institutional administration/dietetics and SMCC School of Nursing, is employed as an RN. They live in Chatawa, Miss.

   2 children

   a. Virginia June Speed was born July 8, 1981.
   b. John Daniel "Dan" Speed was born Sept. 12, 1984.

2. Wilburn Wayne Reynolds was born February 1, 1958, in Chicago, Ill. On June 4, 1977, he married Paula Dean White, who was born July 30, 1959. (Divorced)

   2 children

   On June 20, 1987, he married Telena Bailey, who was born Jan. 31, 1967. Telena, a graduate of Baptist Hospital School of Nursing, Memphis, Tenn., is an RN employed with Home Health; Wilb is employed in sales by Dyke Industries.

   1 child

   a. Jesse Dean Reynolds was born October 20, 1981, in Haleyville, Alabama.
   b. Tara Nicole Reynolds was born January 31, 1983, in Haleyville, Alabama.
   c. Hunter Davis Reynolds was born November 11, 1991.

3. Luther Ray Reynolds was born August 30, 1961, in Chicago, Ill. He lives in Greensburg, La.

J. Carl Otis Speed, son of Luther Monroe Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born March 31, 1932, in Chatawa, Miss. On March 13, 1965, he married Toni Grand (name legally changed from Ross Annette to Toni), who was born July 29, 1940. Carl received a BS degree from Northwestern State Univ., Natchitoches, La. and a masters degree from LSU. He taught and coached in schools in Lake Charles and Baton Rouge, La., and taught in Hammond, La. He established & operated Carl Speed Insurance Agency, Hammond. In recent years, he turned the business over to his son and was employed as drug coordinator with the Tangipahoa Parish School System. Carl is a US Navy veteran of the Korean War and a member of the Masonic Lodge. Toni is a self-employed real estate abstractor.

4 children

1. Wade Warren Speed, son by Toni's first marriage adopted by Carl Speed, was born Aug. 15, 1959, in Baton Rouge, La. On Sept. 6, 1997, he married Stephanie Claire Porche. Wade, a 1981 graduate of SLU, Hammond, La., owns and operates Carl Speed Insurance Agency in Hammond.

2. Terrell "Teri" Lynn Speed, daughter by Toni's first marriage adopted by Carl Speed, was born September 21, 1961, in Baton Rouge, La. On Jan. 15, 1983, she married David Marshall Charlton. David, a graduate of the LSU Law School, is an attorney in Baton Rouge, La. (Divorced) In 1992, she married Grant Leland Gore. Teri, a graduate of LSU and the LSU Medical School, is a family practitioner in Florida.

   2 children

   a. Taylor Lynn Gore was born September 17, 1992.

   b. Logan Leland Gore was born July 18, 1995.

3. Douglas Carl Speed was born/died March 17, 1967, in Hammond, La., buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Ms.

4. Carla Ann Speed was born January 21, 1969, in Hammond, La. She is a graduate of La. Arts & Science School for gifted pupils and LSU. On Dec. 21, 1991, she married Michael "Mike" David McNeil. Mike, a graduate of LSU, served four years in the US Navy.

K. James "Jim" Farley Speed, son of Luther Monroe Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Nov. 11, 1933, in Chatawa, Ms. Jim served in the US Army from 1954-1956, attended SMCC, Summit, Miss., and is a graduate of Northwestern State Univ., Natchitoches, La., with a BA degree in economics. On Feb. 24, 1962, he married Patricia "Patty" Jean Elshire, who was born June 16, 1938, in Oklahoma City, Okla. Patti is a 1961 graduate of Okla. State Univ. with a BS degree in accounting. They owned and operated an accounting firm in Ada, Okla., for 29 years and Jim is now employed by James D. Speed, CPA, Public Corp. They live on a farm 8 miles from Ada and raise registered black brangus cattle.

4 children

1. Susan Elizabeth Speed was born January 11, 1964, in Houston, Texas. On May 25, 1985, she married Darryl Glen Smith, who was born May 9, 1962. Susan is a 1986 graduate of Okla. State Univ. with BS in fashion merchandising. Darryl, a 1984 graduate of Oklahoma State University with a BS degree in computer science, is employed as a computer analyst with TMS, Inc. They live in Stillwater, Okla., and Darryl is employed as a computer analyst with TMS Inc.

   4 children

   a. Benjamin Duane Smith was born March 15, 1988, in Stillwater, Okla.
   b. William James Smith was born Sept. 3, 1990, in Stillwater, Okla.
   c. Timothy Glen Smith was born June 5, 1992, in Stillwater, Okla.
   d. Samuel Adam Smith was born May 27, 1995, in Stillwater, Okla.

2. James "Jimmy" David Speed was born Feb. 26, 1965, in Okla. City. On June 30, 1984, he married Anita Kay Sweat, who was born June 3, 1966. Jimmy, a graduate of East Central State Univ., Ada, with a BS degree in business finance, is a CPA in Ada, Okla. Anita, a graduate of East Central Univ. with a BS degree in business finance, is employed as office manager with a finance company. (Divorced)

3. William "Billy" Wayne Speed was born Feb. 22, 1967, in Ada, Okla. On December 31, 1988, he married Melissa "Missy" Anne Cox, who was born Sept. 11, 1967. Missy is a graduate of East Central Univ. with a BS degree in business finance. Billy, a graduate of Okla. State Univ. and Duke Univ., is an attorney in Dallas, Texas They live in Mesquite, Tex.

   2 children

a. William "Will" Wayne Speed, Jr., was born July 24, 1996, in Dallas, Tex.
b. Alexandra Grace Speed was born Sept. 12, 1998, in Dallas, Tex.

4. Sally Jo Speed was born May 22, 1969, in Ada, Okla. On June 1, 1991, she married George Randall "Randy" Richardson, who was born July 19, 1967. Sally Jo is a graduate of Okla. State Univ. with a BS degree in fashion merchandise. Randy, a graduate of Okla. State Univ. with a BS degree in agriculture engineering and mechanical engineering, is employed as manager of a design engineer department with Ditchwitch Co., Perry, Okla. They live on a 160 acre farm near Orlando, Okla.

2 children

a. Emily Anne Richardson was born April 19, 1995, in Stillwater, Okla. She was born on the day of the bombing of the federal building in Oklahoma City.

b. Thomas George Richardson was born May 12, 1997, in Stillwater, Okla.

L. Billie Jean Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Oct. 7, 1935, in Chatawa, Miss. On Jan. 29, 1955, she married John Vincent Neri, Jr., who was born Apr. 3, 1929, in Chicago, Ill. John, a US Marine veteran of the Korean War, is a retired plumber contractor. They live in Park Ridge, Ill.

6 children

1. Vincent John Neri was born Sept. 9, 1955, in Evanston, Ill. On June 7, 1986, he married Patricia Ann Burda, who was born May 11, 1957. They live in Melrose, Ill.

2 children

a. Anthony Vincent Neri, a twin, was born September 8, 1992.
b. Claire Therese Neri, a twin, was born September 8, 1992.

2. Christopher "Chris" James Neri was born Feb. 6, 1958, in Evanston, Ill. On Feb. 8, 1988, he married Yolanda Lezon, who was born May 6, 1961. They live in Chicago, Ill.

1 child

a. Christina Patrice Neri was born February 3, 1989.

3. Elizabeth Jean Neri was born May 28, 1962, in Evanston, Ill, died May 29, 1962, buried in Evanston.

4. Philip Joseph Neri was born August 23, 1963, in Evanston, Ill. He lives in Chicago, Ill.

5. John Jeffery Neri was born April 22, 1968, in Evanston, Ill. He lives in Park Ridge, Ill.

1 child

a. John Jeffery Kurkowski was born Aug. 14, 1986.

6. Patrick Jerome Neri was born May 13, 1970, in Evanston, Ill. On May 18, 1996, he married Laura Kay Scoville who was born May 8, 1969. They live in Normal, Ill. Patrick, a graduate of Southern Illinois Univ., is a teacher.

1 child

a. Julia Lorraine Neri was born Dec. 15, 1998.

M. Barbara "Bobbye" Christine Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born October 22, 1937, in New Orleans, La. On Sept. 1, 1956 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Carl Wiley Rushing, Sr., who was born April 18, 1933, in New Orleans, La. Carl died Oct. 25, 1994, buried in Hollywood Cemetery, McComb, Miss. He was a retired Pike County Prison System employee. Bobbye, a 1988 graduate of SMCC School of Nursing, lives in McComb, Miss., and is employed as an RN.

3 children

1. Barbara Ann Rushing was born April 13, 1957, in McComb, Miss. On Sept. 12, 1976, in Fairbanks, Alaska, she married Terry Eugene Bland, who was born April 20, 1951, in New York. They live in Bartlesville, Okla. Terry, a graduate of Ill. Institute of Technology, is a chemical engineer. (Divorced)

2 children

a. Lisa Ann Bland was born February 29, 1980. She is attending SMCC, Summit, Miss.
b. David Eugene Bland was born May 30, 1984.

2. Donna Lee Rushing was born April 26, 1959, in McComb, Miss. On May 3, 1980, she married Robert Wayne Wall, who was born Feb. 8, 1958. (Divorced) On November 26, 1988, she married Marvin Thornton. (Divorced)

2 children

On July 15, 1995, she married Preston Wells. They live in McComb, Miss. Donna is a graduate of SMCC, Summit, and MSU, Starkville. Preston is a fireman in McComb, Miss.

a. Nicole Marie Thornton was born June 9, 1989.
b. Shelby Lee Thornton was born July 2, 1991.

3. Carl Wiley Rushing, Jr., was born Oct. 23, 1960. Carl, Jr., a graduate of Miss. State Univ., lives in Marietta, Georgia.

N. Annie "Ann" Lucille Speed, daughter of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born March 18, 1939, in Chatawa, Miss. On March 26, 1956, she married Rankin Curtis "R. C." Thomas, who was born January 9, 1935, in Baskin, La. They live in Monticello, Ark. R. C., now retired, was terminal manager for Arkansas Express Trucking Co. in Crossett, Ark., and Monroe, La. Ann, a graduate of the Univ. of Arkansas, Monticello, is an RN.

4 children

1. Sherrie Estelle Thomas was born July 16, 1957, in Crossett, Arkansas. On April 10, 1976, she married Danny Lovett, born in December of 1953. (Divorced)

1 child

On Dec. 14, 1979, she married Lyle Bruce Elam, who was born Nov. 25, 1957. Sherry, a graduate of the Univ. of Ark., Monticello, is an RN. They live in Monticello, Ark.

1 child

a. Jennifer Lynn Elam, Sherry's daughter by her first marriage adopted by her second husband, was born Oct. 11, 1978. She is attending the Univ. of Ark.

b. Thomas Bradley Elam was born November 24, 1981.

2. Rankin Curtis Thomas, Jr., was born Dec. 19, 1958, in Crossett, Ark. On March 15, 1980, he married Lea Ann Sperling. Curt, a graduate of Univ. of Ark., Monticello, is an RN; Lea Ann, a graduate of Univ. of Ark. in Monticello, is a teacher. They live in Monticello, Arkansas.

2 children

a. Rebecca Lea Thomas was born June 24, 1985.
b. Patrick Curtis Thomas was born June 27, 1990.

3. Teresa Ann Thomas was born July 15, 1960, in Crossett, Arkansas. On June 25, 1983, she married James Mick Gathright, who was born July 21, 1960. Teresa, a graduate of the Univ. of Ark., Monticello, is a dental assistant; Mick, a graduate of the Univ. of Arkansas, Monticello, is a jet pilot with the US Air Force.

2 children

a. Brent Michael Gathright was born June 1, 1990.

b. Mark Daniel Gathright was born July 30, 1994.

4. James "Jimmy" Speed Thomas was born April 13, 1962, in Crossett, Arkansas. He married Charlene Tew. (Divorced) Jimmy lives in Crossett, Ark.

G. Lloyd Morris Speed, son of Luther M. Speed and Lillie Rhodus Speed, was born Sept. 30, 1940, in Chatawa, Miss. On Dec. 23, 1961, he married Judy Darlene Anderson, who was born Nov. 2, 1942, in Los Angeles, Calif. She has a BS degree in accounting. (Divorced) Lloyd, a US Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, lives in Nebraska and is employed as a carpenter.

5 children

1. Randall "Randy" Morris Speed was born Dec. 12, 1962, in Long Beach, Calif. On August 5, 1984, he married Melody Ann Hagler, who was born Jan. 25, 1964. They live in Lancaster, Calif. Randy is employed as a construction worker.

   1 child

   a. Ryan Morris Speed was born April 13, 1989.

2. Ronald "Ronnie" Lloyd Speed was born Nov. 30, 1964, in Long Beach, Calif. On June 15, 1985, he married Constance Virginia Baker. They live in Lancaster, Calif. Ronnie is employed as a construction worker.

   1 child

   a. Kimberly Ann Speed was born March 22, 1987.

3. Russell "Rusty" Lee Speed was born Sept. 16, 1965, in Orange, Calif. On July 15, 1985, he married Brenda Lee Hauprich, who was born Dec. 20, 1966. (Divorced) He lives in Nebraska.

   2 children

   a. Jennifer Lynn Speed was born December 23, 1985.
   b. Jason Russell Speed was born October 1, 1987.

4. Rodney Allen Speed was born Nov. 16, 1969, in Lancaster, Calif. On April 17, 1993, he married Rhonda Renee House, who was born May 23, 1971. They live in Lancaster, Calif. Rodney is a driver for a bread co.

5. Ricky Dale Speed was born Dec. 18, 1972, in Lancaster, Calif. He is a graduate of San Diego State University

II. Infant, daughter of Meshach L. Speed and Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born/died July 19, 1892, buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery near Terrys Creek, Pike County, Miss.

III. Charlie Conway Speed, son of Meshach L. Speed & Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born August 22, 1893, in Amite County, Miss. He married Lela Augusta Taylor, who was born Sept. 11, 1897. Lela died Feb. 13, 1957; Charlie Speed died March 26, 1964; both are buried in Crystal Springs City Cemetery, Miss. Charlie was a retired Illinois Central Railroad employee.

3 children

A. Charles Percy Speed, son of Charlie C. Speed & Lela Taylor Speed, was born Dec. 18, 1917, in Kentwood, La. He married Lydia Mae Speed, who was born March 19, 1927, in Brookhaven, Miss.

2 children

1. Laura Ann Speed was born Feb. 24, 1942, in Crystal Springs, Miss. On Feb. 13, 1964, she married Harvey Parrish, who was born January 4, 1940.

5 children

a. Rusty Gewan Parrish was born March 9, 1964.
b. George Harvey Parrish was born Sept. 24, 1965.
c. Charles Anthony Parrish was born July 22, 1968.
d. Ricky Dean Parrish was born August 7, 1970.
e. Jason Lee Parrish was born July 18, 1975.

2. Charles Richard Speed was born October 18, 1949, in Crystal Springs, Miss. On Nov. 10, 1973, he married Evon Jackson, who was born Nov. 8, 1952, in Heth, Ark.

2 children

a. Richard Glenn Speed was born Sept. 21, 1974.
b. Terry Lee Speed was born November 30, 1975.

B. Clarence Thames Speed, son of Charlie Conway Speed and Lela Taylor Speed, was born May 19, 1920, in Kentwood, La. On April 7, 1943, he married Lizzie Mae Templeton, who was born August 31, 1921, in Copiah County, Miss. Thames is a US Air Force veteran of World War II and the Korean War. After he retired from the US Air Force, he was employed as an electrician at the nuclear plant in Fayette, Miss. Clarence Thames Speed died April 16, 1999. Lizzie Mae lives in Hazlehurst, Miss.

2 children

1. Jean Ilene Speed was born July 30, 1946, in Jackson, Miss. On June 3, 1968, she married Edwin Chester Hardin, who was born Aug. 21, 1945, in Grenada, Miss. Edwin, a graduate of the Univ. of Miss., is an attorney in Leakesville, Miss. Jean, a graduate of Miss. College, is Edwin's secretary.

   2 children

   a. Elizabeth Elgenora "Elgen" Hardin was born Sept. 27, 1972. On March 11, 1995, she married William Heath Hillman who was born Dec. 4, 1971. Elgen is a graduate of Miss. College.

   b. Clifton Conway Hardin was born May 11, 1975, in Memphis, Tenn. He is attending Miss. College.

2. Lloyd Harold Speed was born February 10, 1950, in Guam Naval Hospital. On May 9, 1969, he married Nellie Inez Davis who was born July 28, 1950, in Hazelhurst, Miss. Harold is an electrician in Hazlehurst.

   3 children

   a. Jennifer Louise Speed was born Feb. 18, 1970, in Clovis, New Mexico, died February 4, 1973, and is buried in Pine Bluff Cemetery, Dentville, Miss.

   b. Deannia Gail Speed was born Dec. 6, 1973, in Dentville, Miss. In March of 1995, she married Dan Hart, Jr.

      1 child

      (1) Dan Hart, III, was born in December 1995.

   c. Kenneth Daniel Speed was born August 14, 1978, in Hazelhurst, Miss.

C. Audrey Juanita Speed, daughter of Charlie C. Speed & Lela Taylor Speed, was born Dec. 8, 1922, in Kentwood, La. On May 10, 1946, she married Willie Alton Morris, born May 10, 1922, in Macon, La. Juanita Speed Morris died in 1985, and is buried in Crystal Springs, Miss.

   4 children

   1. Mary Ann Morris was born May 11, 1947, in Crystal Springs, Miss. In 1963, she married J. D. Brown. (Divorced)

      2 children

      Her second marriage is to Haskel Hiatt.

      a. Patricia Ann Brown was born November 11, 1963.
      b. John Daniel Brown was born November 24, 1964.

2. Alice Fay Morris was born Dec. 23, 1951. She has a child, Nita Fay Morris, born Aug. 1, 1971, in Crystal Springs, Miss.

3. Frances Lois Morris was born Oct. 30, 1957. She married Luther Ray Buckley. They have a child, Leslie Ann Buckley.

4. Betty Sue Morris was born Nov. 25, 1962. She married Randy Hunt. They have a son born March 10, 1981.

IV. Joseph Buren Speed, son of Meshach L. Speed and Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born Dec. 13, 1895, in Pike County, Miss. On Sept. 2, 1922 (Pike County Courthouse Record), he married Flossie G. Hughes, who was born Sept. 15, 1904. (Divorced) Buren died Feb. 26, 1932, age 36, of tuberculosis, and is buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery. After he became ill, Buren and his daughter lived with Minnie McDaniel, his mother. Flossie died of TB on Sept. 30, 1937.

1 child

A. Elizabeth Lorraine Speed, daughter of Joseph Buren Speed and Flossie Hughes Speed, was born June 29, 1925, in Pike County, Miss. After the death of both of her parents, Lorraine lived with Minnie Speed. On Jan. 25, 1943 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Roderick Spears.(Divorced) Her second marriage was to Frank Grana. (Deceased) On April 6, 1948, she married Stanley Carl Meyers, who was born July 26, 1928, in Whitewater, Wis. They live in Wis. where Stanley operates a floor installation business. Stanley died Dec. 23, 1998.

7 children

1. Dennis Dale Meyers was born March 16, 1949, in Spokane, Washington. On April 22, 1972, he married Constance Ann Butke.

2. Sandra Gail Meyers was born June 17, 1950, in Baton Rouge, La. On March 1, 1969, she married Gary Allen Frye.

1 child

a. Tracy Lynn Frye was born August 7, 1970.

3. Linda Joyce Meyers was born July 23, 1951, in Baton Rouge, La. On August 23, 1969, she married John Michael Kieffer, III.

2 children

a. John Michael Kieffer, IV, was born June 1, 1970.

b. Susan Marie Kieffer was born February 13, 1972.

4. Ellen Rae Meyers was born February 4, 1953, in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin. On March 6, 1971, she married Jimmy Alan Miller.

2 children

a. Tammy Rae Miller was born April 4, 1971.

b. Jeffrey Bryan Miller was born May 12, 1974.

5. David Stanley Meyers was born December 18, 1955, in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin. On May 10, 1974, he married Christine Marie Weiter.

1 child

a. Angie Marie Meyers was born October 18, 1974.

6. James Dean Meyers was born July 11, 1957, in Ft. Atkinson.

7. Brenda Fay Meyers was born July 8, 1958, in Ft. Atkinson, Wisconsin. On January 17, 1976, she married Fredrick Eric Roloff.

V. William "Will" Warren Speed, son of Meshach L. Speed & Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born March 18, 1898, in Pike County, Miss. On Sept. 7, 1942 (Pike County Courthouse Record), he married Doris Mae Walker Speed, who was born May 10, 1918, in Pike County, Miss. Doris was the widow of Clarence Agustus Speed, Sr., brother to Will Speed, and had two young children, Clarence, Jr., and Dorothy Fay. Will and Doris owned and operated a dairy farm near Chatawa. After the death of his mother, Minnie Speed, he purchased the land from the other heirs. Will Speed died Jan. 9, 1967; Doris Walker Speed died Feb. 3, 1970; both are buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss.

VI. Sybil Estelle Speed, daughter of Meshach L. Speed and Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born July 10, 1900, in Pike County, Miss. On March 16, 1920, she married Howard Ray Booty, who was born Sept. 7, 1895, in Tangipahoa Parish. When Sybil became ill with tuberculosis, she and her family returned to the home of her mother, Minnie McDaniel Speed. Family stories indicate she refused to go to a sanitarium for treatment because she did not want to be separated from her children. Sybil died May 15, 1928, and is buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery near Terrys Creek, Pike County, Miss. Howard died Nov. 1, 1965, and is buried in Spring Creek, La. He is a US Army veteran of World War I.

4 children

A. Edith Estelle Booty, daughter of Howard Ray Booty and Sybil Speed Booty, was born April 2, 1921, in Kentwood, La. On September 16, 1939, she married Newie Theordore "N. T." Rushing, Jr., who was born June 8, 1918, in Tangipahoa Parish, La. N. T. died Nov. 19, 1944, of injuries received in Germany while serving in the US Army during World War II, and is buried in Osyka Cemetery, Pike County, Miss. Edith, a retired Croft Metals, Inc., employee, lives in Kentwood, La.

3 children

1. Mary Joyce Rushing was born Dec. 11, 1940, in Independence, La. On October 7, 1960, she married Lanny Pat Conerly, who was born February 15, 1941. They own and operate a dairy farm in Tangipahoa Parish, La.

   3 children

   a. Pat Thomas Conerly was born May 22, 1964. On Dec. 12, 1982, he married Doris Shirley, born Sept. 20, 1963. He is a Tangipahoa Parish dairy farmer.

      3 children

      (1) Brett Fairburn Conerly was born July 8, 1982.

      (2) Desiree Victoria Conerly was born March 5, 1985.

      (3) Jessica Danielle Conerly was born August 20, 1988.

   b. Chad Lewis Conerly was born Aug. 18, 1966. On Aug. 19, 1995, he married Candice Renee King, who was born Jan. 16, 1972. Second Lieutenant Conerly is in the US Air Force and presently stationed in Guam. Candice is a physical therapist.

   c. Tera Lyn Conerly was born Sept. 17, 1968. On Nov. 8, 1997, she married Javier Ernesto Moreno. Tera, a graduate of LSU Medical Center in New Orleans with a BS degree, is a physical therapist at North Oaks Health System. Javier, a graduate of Northeast La. Univ. with a BS degree, is an occupational therapist with North Oaks Health System.

2. Newie Theordore Rushing, III, was born Jan. 17, 1942, died Jan. 18, 1942, and is buried in Osyka City Cemetery, Osyka, Pike County, Miss.

3. Sandra Faye Rushing was born Feb. 6, 1957. On June 18, 1942, she married Charles Eugene Allen, who was born August 27, 1954. (Divorced)

1 child

On Sept. 1, 1984, she married L. J. Welch, who was born Oct. 10, 1961. They live in the Sixth Ward of St. Helena Parish, La. Sandy is office manager for Quad Area Community Action Agency, Greensburg, La.

2 children

a. Charles Bryan Allen was born February 12, 1975, in Independence, La. He lives in Hot Springs Village, Arkansas.
b. Nancy Janel Welch was born December 15, 1985, in Hammond, La.
c. Jonathan James Matthew Welch was born June 8, 1988, in McComb, Miss.

B. George Ray Booty, son of Howard Ray Booty and Sybil Speed Booty, was born July 26, 1923, in Pike County, Miss. On Aug. 12, 1944, he married Joyce Laverne McDaniel, who was born June 27, 1927. (Divorced)

1 child

On Jan. 26, 1958, he married Norma Gray, who was born March 29, 1927. Ray, a US Army veteran of World War II, retired from the US Air Force. They live in Monticello, Illinois.

1. Cherlyon Dianne Booty was born Sept. 20, 1945, in Magnolia, Miss. On Apr. of 1968, she married Joseph Braud, who was born October of 1943, died in Jan. of 1970.

1 child

On Nov. 17, 1979, she married Donald Eric Nesom, who was born June 14, 1943. They live in St. Helena Parish, La.

a. Donelle Dianne Braud was born Feb. 17, 1969, in Baton Rouge, La. On May 29, 1992, she married Charles Daniel "Danny" Carruth, who was born Dec. 31, 1972. Donelle is office manager and Danny is vice-president and manager of Carruth Supermarket, Greensburg, La.

2 children

(1) Nicholas Ray Carruth was born Feb. 13, 1993, in Baton Rouge, La.

(2) Shelton Eric Carruth was born May 12, 1995, in Baton Rouge, La.

C. Mary Louise Booty, daughter of Howard Ray Booty and Sybil Speed Booty, was born Feb. 9, 1925. On June 15, 1946, she married Francis Douglas Sylvest, born May 24, 1925. Doug, a US Navy veteran of World War II, is a retired captain with the Baton Rouge Fire Dept. and a retired La. State Deputy Fire Marshal. Since his second retirement in 1987, they moved to Franklinton, La.

7 children

1. Mary Frances Sylvest was born Apr. 16, 1947, in Franklinton, La. On June 15, 1968, she married Barry Leroy Pence, who was born July 29, 1945.

3 children

a. Lisa Marie Pence was born July 9, 1969. On Dec. 14, 1985, she married Carman Joe McDaniel. (Divorced)

1 child

(1) JoAnna Lauren McDaniel was born June 14, 1986, in Miss.

b. Angela Mine' Pence was born June 5, 1973. She married Anthony Frazier.

1 child

(1) Adraine Rene Whitford was born Oct. 6, 1991.

c. Barry Leroy Pence, Jr., was born April 5, 1974, in Zachary, La., died June 30, 1991, in Savannah, Ga., of injuries received in an accidental shooting in his home in Way Cross, Georgia, and is buried in Pilgrims Rest Cemetery near Franklinton, La.

2. Carolyn Rae Sylvest was born April 12, 1948. On Aug. 26, 1966, she married John Allen Donaldson, who was born July 19, 1948. (Divorced)

2 children

On Feb. 5, 1982, she married Devon Hughes, who was born Feb. 17, 1940.

a. John Allen Donaldson, Jr., was born Nov. 3, 1967. On July 9, 1988, he married Rex Ann Wallace. John Allen Donaldson, Jr., died Oct. 13, 1988, of injuries received when he fell off a horse. John served 6 months in the US Army Reserves.

1 child

(1) John Allen Donaldson, III, was born Jan. 2, 1989.

b. Angela Nicole Donaldson was born November 9, 1973. She married Joe Cox. (Divorced) Her second marriage was to Justin Allen, who was born Jan. 19, 1972.

1 child

(1) Jacob Blaine Holmes was born April 10, 1992.

3. Francis Douglas Sylvest, Jr., was born Aug. 25, 1950, in Franklinton, La. On Dec. 27, 1973, he married Wanda Sue Ferrington, who was born June 22, 1952. (Divorced)

3 children

a. Susan Michelle Sylvest was born October 14, 1976, in Zachary, La. On December 16, 1995, she married Richard Doyle Knight.

b. Stephen Douglas Sylvest was born/died Sept. 4, 1977.

c. Mark Anthony Sylvest was born June 27, 1979, in Dallas, Texas, died Dec. 4, 1998, of injuries received in a one vehicle wreck at Grand Isle, La.

4. Howard Ray Sylvest was born Aug. 17, 1951, in Franklinton, La. On Dec. 22, 1973, he married Deborah Ilene Smith, who was born Feb. 17, 1955. They live in Denham Springs, La.

1 child

a. Rachel Ilene Sylvest was born July 1, 1975, in Franklinton, La.

5. Beverly Ann Sylvest was born Sept. 30, 1952, in Baton Rouge, La. On October 12, 1977, she married William Charles MacArthur Mills, who was born Oct. 1, 1943. They live in Lewisburg, Tenn.

3 children

(1) William Charles MacArthur Mills, II, was born/died May 20, 1978. He lived approximately six hours.

b. James Carroll Mills was born April 10, 1979, in Franklinton, La.

c. Alice Clara Mills was born Jan. 24, 1987, in Bogalusa, La.

6. John Edward Sylvest was born May 4, 1954, in Baton Rouge, La. On March 15, 1972, he married Cherl Ann Wiggins, who was born April 17, 1957. (Divorced)

1 child

John married Daphne Walker, who was born June 9, 1954. (Divorced)

1 child

On Nov. 29, 1993, he married Loretta Spears, who was born Sept. 18, 1951.

a. John Edward Sylvest, Jr., was born March 8, 1975, in Baton Rouge, La.

1 child

(1) Victoria Gabrielle Sylvest, born May 10, 1993.

b. Rebecca Louise Sylvest was born January 12, 1985, in Baton Rouge, La.

7. Carmen Louise Sylvest was born July 17, 1955, in Baton Rouge, La. On August 3, 1974, she married Henry Otis Welch, who was born February 4, 1953. Henry served 7 years in the La. National Guard and received an honorable discharge with the rank of E-6.

2 children

a. Henry Otis Welch, Jr., was born July 23, 1975, in Baton Rouge, La.

b. Heather Michelle Welch was born June 23, 1981, in Baton Rouge, La.

D. Bessie Marie Booty, daughter of Howard Ray Booty & Sybil Speed Booty, was born Sept. 7, 1926, in Pike County, Miss. She married Robert Daniel Clifton, who was born Feb. 1, 1919. Bessie Marie and Bob are deceased.

2 children

1. Joan Marie Clifton was born July 10, 1948. She married Bohelan Myron Bucqynski, born June 2, 1946, in Poland.

3 children

a. Nicolas Myron Bucqynski was born Sept. 14, 1968.

b. Mark Danile Bucqynski was born Sept. 12, 1969.

c. Carrie Liane Bucqynski was born April 9, 1972.

2. Roberta Dianne Clifton was born June 24, 1954.

VII. Clarence Agustus Speed, son of Meshach L. Speed and Minnie McDaniel Speed, was born March 9, 1903, in Pike County, Miss. In Dec. of 1936, he married Doris Mae Walker, who was born May 10, 1918, in Pike County, Miss. Clarence Speed died June 5, 1942, of tuberculosis, and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss. Before he died, Clarence asked his brother, Will, to take care of his wife and children. Will did this and eventually he and Doris married.

2 children

A. Clarence Augustus Speed, Jr., was born June 17, 1940, in Pike County, Miss. He was almost two years old when his father died. On June 5, 1959 (Pike County Courthouse Record), he married Alice Marilyn Teston, who was born July 8, 1941, Kentwood, La. Clarence, Jr., served in the US Navy and has been employed by the US Postal Service in Magnolia, Miss., since 1966. Marilyn, the administrator of Beacham Hospital, Magnolia, Miss., was runner-up for the 1994 ENTERPRISE-JOURNAL Business Woman of the Year award for her outstanding leadership in hospital management. They live in Chatawa, Miss.

3 children

1. Deborah Faye Speed was born Aug. 29, 1960, in Magnolia Miss. On Aug. 23, 1980 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Scott Allen Mentzer, who was born June 29, 1960, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Deborah, a registered nurse, received an associate degree from SMCC, Summit, and a degree in nursing from Cheyenne College, Cheyenne, Wyo. Scott, a meteorologist, is a graduate of SMCC, Summit, and USM, Hattiesburg. They live in Kansas.

   2 children

   a. Matthew Dylan Mentzer was born Aug. 19, 1993.
   b. Jennifer Elana Mentzer was born Nov. 15, 1985.

2. Cynthia "Cindy" Ann Speed was born Sept. 30, 1963, in New Orleans, La. On July 10, 1982 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Clifton Woodall, who was born Dec. 4, 1955. Cindy, an accountant with Southwest Miss. Regional Medical Center, McComb, Miss., is a graduate of SMCC, Summit, and attended SLU, Hammond, La. Clifton is employed with heating, air conditioning and refrigeration. They live near Summit, Miss.

   2 children

   a. John Christopher Woodall was born August 16, 1983.
   b. Alison Nicole Woodall was born Dec. 28, 1988.

3. Suzanne "Susie" Lee Speed was born Oct. 24, 1967, in Magnolia, Miss. On June 12, 1987 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married William "Billy" Joseph Lee, who was born Nov. 13, 1964, in Tangipahoa Parish, La. Susie received an associate degree in computers from SMCC, Summit, and graduated with a degree in medical technology from Co-Lin Community College, Wesson, Miss. Billy is employed as a welder.

   1 child

   a. Joshua Joseph Lee was born Feb. 28, 1995.

B. Dorothy Faye Speed was born Nov. 10, 1941, died May 6, 1947, and is buried in Terrys Creek Cemetery, Pike County, Miss.

VIII. Meshach Lafayette Speed, Jr., was born September 14, 1905, in Pike County, Miss., died July 20, 1906, and is buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery near Terrys Creek, Pike County, Miss.

IX. Sarah Elizabeth "Bessie" Speed was born July 17, 1907, in Pike County, Miss., 2 months after the death of her father. On April 13, 1925 (Pike County Courthouse Record), she married Mike P. "M. P." Uli. On May 14, 1925, approximately a month after her marriage, she died of injuries received in a train-car accident and is buried in Daniel McDaniel Cemetery near Terrys Creek, Pike County, Miss.

McDaniel, Lessie
Aug. 11, 1993

McDaniel rites held August 9 in Taylorsville

Services were held at Memory Chapel in Taylorsville at 2:00 p.m., Monday, August 9th, for Mrs. Lessie Hammond McDaniel, 87, of Route 1, Mt. Olive.

Mrs. McDaniel passed away Saturday, August 7, at Covington County Nursing Home in Collins.

Mrs. McDaniel was a homemaker and a member of Calhoun Baptist Church. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Otis McDaniel. She is survived by one son, John T. McDaniel of Mt. Olive; one daughter, Minnie Jo Johnson of Jackson; seven grandchildren; and nine great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Chris McDaniel, Dale McDaniel, Frank Hammond, Jr., J. B. Hammond, Leon Hammond, and John Wesley Hammond.

The Reverends Jeff Thomas and Gene Covington officiated with interment in Okahay Cemetery in Smith County.

This information was donated By Clarence and Anna Speed of Greensburg La. Additional info may be obtained from

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